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Meyer's Langshans

Swept the Deck at Ft. Worth, Texas, March 18th to 23rd, 1912. They won 1st Cock, 1st, 2nd and 4th Cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Pullet; 1st and 2nd Pen.

SPECIALS

Life Scholarship in Brantly-Draughon Business College for largest and best display.

\$25.00 Silver Cup for best pen of Solid Colored Birds.

\$15.00 cash by Emmet Curren for Largest and Best Display.

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70 Egg Essex Incubator for Best Pen Black Langshans.

\$15.00 Silver Cup to Exhibitor scoring the highest percentage of points based on number of birds exhibited.

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Come right to headquarters for Eggs or Stock.

If you don't get 8 chicks from every 15 Eggs, I replace them at one-half price.

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A Suggestion

There is very little I care to say here in a personal way, little that I have not said in former catalogues. We all believe in the good qualities of the Langshan, both as a utility bird and as a show bird. We are all well agreed as to what constitutes the ideal Langshan and are not quarreling amongst ourselves over types or shades of color as are the breeders of some other breeds of more or less mixed blood. We are all anxious to see them more extensively raised—to become more “popular.” And it is to this effort that I want to urge all the members of this Club to do their best. Put forth all the personal effort you can. I believe it will pay. Show more—advertise more. I want here to quote from Mr. Sewell’s article in last year’s Club catalogue:

“It is plainly a lack of push and printer’s ink that causes the Langshans to lay instead of leap along the highway of popular favor. ‘The ‘Orpington’ (a white skin fowl) comes along with its mixture of Langshan, Rock and Minorca blood—cackles no louder nor oftener than the ‘Lordly Langshan’ and his wives, in the barnyard, but hangs his shingle high in the leading publications and keeps it there. Pride of ancestry, perhaps, prevents the Langshan from putting himself so prominently before the people, while American dollars and poultry stalls are calling for ‘better poultry and more of it.’”

THE SECRETARY.

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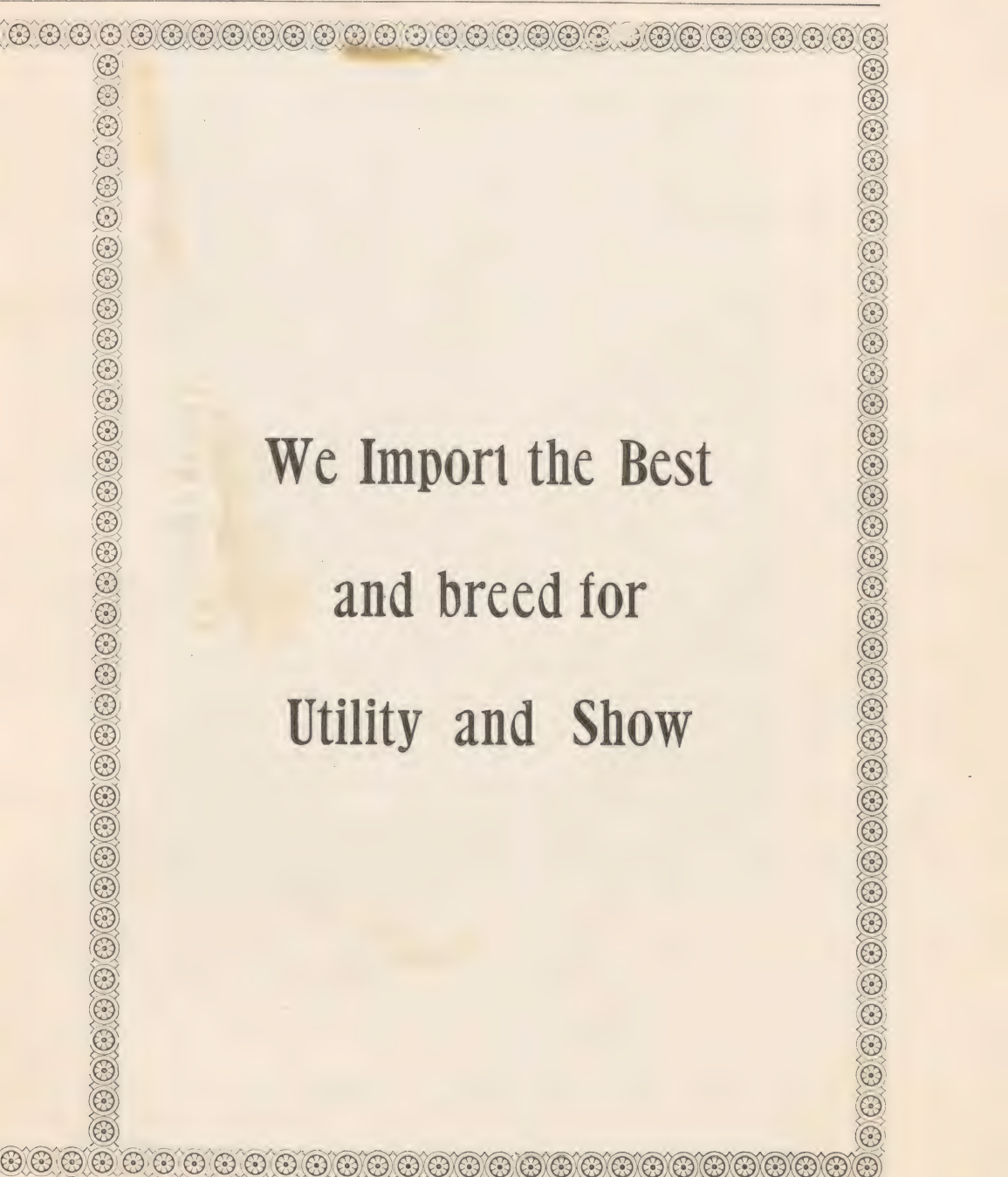
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By-Laws

I. That a Poultry Club be and is hereby established to be called and known as "THE NATIONAL BLACK LANGSHAN CLUB OF AMERICA."

II. The object and purpose of this Club is to elevate this noble breed of birds, to bring all breeders closely together, to offer specials at shows when members exhibit, and in general the honorable production and extended cultivation, as well as to protect, by corporation, the interests of all breeders of this most useful bird.

III. The following officers shall be elected by ballot, vis: A President, Vice-President, National Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be Ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee, to which three other members shall be elected annually. Upon this Executive Board shall depend the management of the Club.

IV. That there be a District Secretary for the following districts: an Eastern, a Central, a Southern, a Western, a California district and a Pacific North West district, whose duties shall be to assist the National Secretary in promoting the interests of the Club. It will also be their duty to attend to the interest of the Club in offering prizes at state and county shows in his district where membership will permit.

V. Application for memberships may be made to the District Secretary or the National Secretary any time during the year.

VI. That members may be admitted on payment of one dollar to Secretary, and one dollar shall be due thereafter and payable on the first day of October of each and every year, and upon failure to pay for one month after same shall be due and payable, and after receiving due notice such members in arrears shall be considered suspended for non-payment, and his or her name erased from Register of Members, which said Register shall be the record of the membership of the Club.

VII. That the Club Register shall be kept by the National Secretary, also all District Secretaries shall keep a register of all members in good standing in his or her District.

VIII. That it be understood that Club specials and prizes can only be competed for by members of this Club in good standing. Any breeder wishing to become a member must, if required, show his or her Certificate of Membership, which must be properly dated. Any dishonorable behavior on the part of any member shall be punishable by expulsion from the Club.

IX. All complaints of dishonorable behavior shall be made to the Executive Board, who shall communicate with both parties in question, notifying that both sides will be heard at the annual meeting of the Club. when a majority vote shall decide, and upon the failure of either to appear in person, or by his legally authorized representative, such person shall be considered expelled from the Club.

X. That a certificate of Membership signed by the President and Secretary be supplied to each member as vouchers of the same.

XI. That non-members, companies, etc., who shall offer special prizes of not less than \$10 for competition by members of this Club, shall be entered in the Club Register as Patrons of the Club.

XII. That one National meeting be held each year, for the election of Na-



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M. S. BARKER, Thorntown, Ind.

tional officers and auditing accounts, etc. Each member is allowed to vote by mail if unable to attend in person. The date and place of meeting shall be voted by the Club. All votes shall be recorded with the National Secretary on or before the first day of March each year.

XIII. That the National Secretary is hereby authorized to call a special meeting at any time, should the emergency require such meeting.

XIV. That the National Secretary shall have published and distributed annually a catalogue of the Club.

XV. That the Secretary shall enter in a book the minutes of Committee and other meetings, together with the names of the members attending the same.

XVI. That the Secretary shall submit all questions coming before the Club to each member in printed form, and all members shall be allowed to vote on such questions by mail or proxy, and the same shall be recorded and printed in the doings of each annual meeting.

XVII. That no alteration shall be made in any rule of this Club except at the annual meeting. Printed notices of any proposed alteration in the by-laws must be sent to every member at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

XVIII. That a report of all the meetings and proceedings of the Club be prepared by the Secretary and sent to the poultry papers for publication.

XIX. A grand silver cup shall be offered in each state that has ten or more resident members in good standing. The show at which this special shall be offered shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of said state, the same to be recorded with the National Secretary on or before August 1st of each year.

XX. That this cup shall be offered for the best display of Black Langshans, each competitor must have ten or more birds.

XXI. That there shall also be five other grand special badges offered at each State Show, one on best cock, one on best hen, one on best pullet, one on best cockerel, one on best breeding pen.

XXIII. That there shall be four special ribbons offered at each district or county show, one for best cock, one for best cockerel, one for best hen, one for best pullet. These shall be awarded provided this notice is printed in the premium list and they be won by any member in good standing.

XXIV. That in counting points for the awards of the Club prizes the following plan shall be used: First pen, 16; second, 12; third, 8; fourth, 4; fifth, 2; First cock or cockerel, 10; second, 8; third, 6; fourth, 4; fifth, 2; First hen or pullet, 5; second, 4; third, 3; fourth, 2; fifth, 1.

XXV. All officers shall serve without pay, except the National Secretary, who shall receive the sum of \$1.00 and such additional salary as the members shall vote at the annual meeting.

XXVI. Life membership fee shall be \$10.00, which shall not include any previous amount paid.

XXVII. The Membership shall become due, in advance, the 1st of October of each year. All dues must be paid before the 1st of November following. In case dues are not paid on or before Nov. 1st after being duly notified by the National Secretary, such membership ceases. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may, on application made in writing to the National Secretary, be reinstated on payment of his indebtedness at the time of his suspension, and the annual dues for the year when the application for reinstatement is made.

XXVIII. The order of business at all meetings of the Club shall be:

1. Roll call. 2. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting. 3. Election of New Members. 4. Report of Officers. Reading of Communications. 6. Unfinished Business. 7. New Business. 8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee. 9. Adjournment.

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BLACK LANGSHAN WINNINGS FOR 1912

Pasadena, Cal., March, 1912—1st Cockerel and 2 Specials.

Long Beach, Cal., August, 1912—1st Cock, 1st Hen, 2 Specials.

San Diego, Cal., August, 1912—1st Cockerel, 1st Pullet, 4 Specials.

Sacramento, Cal., September, 1912—1st Cockerel, 1 Special.

Albuquerque, N. M., October, 1912—1st Cock, 1st Hen, 1st Cockerel, 1st Pullet, and Special Cash Prize for Best Cock Bird in Entire Show.

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The Stately Langshan

By GEORGE D. BLACK (Yellow Springs, O.)

My experience with Langshans began twelve years ago. I was visiting a friend who had three or four hundred of them, and I had right there a genuine case of love at first sight. I thought then that I had never before seen a fowl of such distinct beauty of form and style, and today, after having bred nearly all the kinds to be found in the Standard of Perfection, I still think that it is unequalled in elegance and attractiveness.

I would go farther to see a big exhibition of Langshans than I would to see any other fowl in the world. And yet I am fond of all kinds of fowls, including turkeys and ducks and geese, and I am especially an admirer of the Black Orpington, and have bred it for a number of years with growing enthusiasm.

One of the questions which I have not been able to answer to my satisfaction is why the Langshans have not been more popular, especially among farmers. It is quite evident to those who have given the matter of breeds careful attention in an unpartisan way that there are a number of varieties that are distinctly inferior to the Langshans that are yet having a big boom, and are bought and sold at extravagant figures. It would be ungenerous to mention the names of any of these here, but I may say that I have thoroughly tried three or four of them by the side of Langshans, when I was conducting an experiment station of my own, testing them on my farm in order to satisfy myself, and I found the Langshans to be superior in every way. It is true that the Black Langshan has had considerable popularity in a few states, notably in New York, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri; and it is also true that no fowl ever had more staunch friends and admirers, for wherever you find a man who has at any time bred Langshans he is sure to have words of praise for them. His enthusiasm never quite fails him. But, excepting the first few years after their introduction into this country, when they had quite a run, the breed has made its way solely on its merits and without any unnatural and extravagant booming. Just now it is looking up, and the classes at the big shows are encouragingly large.

The black fowl (to speak now of that variety of this breed) has not awakened with us that appreciation which it deserves, and which, I believe, it is sure

Wilhite's Grand Blue Ribbon Strain of Black Langshans



Arsenal King

Champion Gold Band Winner—First grand prize Illinois State Show, 1912.

Winning every 1st prize Illinois State Show 1911 and 1912.

More than 1,000 prizes won by this strain in the great Mid-West Shows

I desire to call your attention to the grand type of my birds and to the winnings made for twelve continuous years under tremendous competition of the world's most famous Langshans. The Blue Ribbon Strain has never met defeat—always coming out with the most coveted prizes offered.

MRS. H. C. WILHITE, Greenfield, Illinois

to gain in due time. Of all the colors it is the most stable and serviceable and satisfying. It goes anywhere, and it looks clean and tidy everywhere. In the flock it shows uniformity, which is true of no other color in all the breeds and varieties. There are some very pretty parti-colors, but uniformity in them is difficult, or quite impossible. Black is the color that is substantial, clean-looking; and when it is a soft, iridescent, beetle-green black, as in the finest specimens of Black Langshans and Black Orpingtons, it is resplendently beautiful.

For suburban places and towns where a few fowls are kept for use or for the fancy of them, black is the best of all colors; and the Black Langshan, with all its other merits, ought to appeal to breeders in such places. When the Black Langshan first came into vogue it made a great hit among the fanciers around New York City. Its stately, aristocratic bearing and its brilliant plumage stamped it as preeminently the fancier's fowl; and for years it was shown in large and splendid classes in that city.

Whatever may be the fate of certain breeds that are just now holding the center of the stage, the Langshan ought not to fall into neglect. In real, solid excellence it is not likely to be surpassed for many a day to come. There are a number of worthy favorites getting much attention these days, but it will be found upon a fair investigation that the Langshan is the equal of all of them, and the superior of most of them.

Let us see in what its chief merits lie.

First of all, the Langshan is a prolific egg producer. This claim has been made for it from the beginning of its history in this country, and it is a claim that has been backed up by a continual performance of satisfactory laying for those who have bred it. The first year I kept Langshans I had moved on to a farm (for my health) and I had no yard or building for my pen of Langshans. I had a number of sorts besides, and I wanted the Langshan eggs for setting. The best I could do in the hurry of repairing and getting settled was to just put my five Langshans in a little pen made of plastering lath. It was just four feet square; and there I kept them for two months. I fed them well, and gave them the care they needed. The way those four pullets laid was astonishing. For days at a time I would get four eggs every day. Then one would get broody and the number of eggs would drop to three. In a few days the broody one would be put back with her mates and then the yield would be four eggs a day steadily until another one quit to set. Rarely in that time did I get two eggs a day. So remarkable a record did those four pullets make that it was a subject of daily enquiry and talk among the mechanics whom I had at work on the place. The daily question came to be, "How many eggs today?" At that time I had Leghorns and Wyandottes on the place, but none of them laid to compare with the Langshans.

Afterwards I learned of the reliable winter egg production of the breed. I was trying many kinds of chickens for my own satisfaction and for my use in writing for the agriculture journals to which I was contributing. I had no prejudice in favor of any breed. I was as ready to learn something favorable of one as of another. I was after the facts. I gave the four or five breeds that I had at

Exhibition Langshans

Bishop's Black Beauties

At Madison Square Garden, N. Y., December 19 to 23, 1911, in the Strongest Competition and Best Display of Black Langshans ever exhibited in America (according to Sewell) with Franklane L. Sewell, the poultry artist, placing the awards, I won 3rd hen, 5th cockerel, 5th pullet and 3rd pen, winning the second largest number of points won by any exhibitor who bred his entire exhibit. Eight of the 11 birds I entered won over 21 of the 30 entered by winner of display prize.

At Madison Square Garden, December, 1910, 1st on pullet, one entry.

At Chicago, December, 1910, 1st and 5th on pullets.

At Boston, January, 1911, 2nd on pullet.

At Kansas City, November, 1910, 1st and 2nd on pullets. National Club meeting with twenty-three high-class pullets competing.

These Winnings made in competition with America's Leading Breeders is the Best Recommendation I can offer to breeders who are looking for the highest quality of breeding stock or exhibition birds to defeat their strongest competitors in the show room.

By carefully combining and line-breeding the Best Black Langshan Blood in America, I have built up a flock of Langshans which for Vigor and Vitality, Egg Production and Exhibition is hard to beat.

My 1912 Young Stock

THE FINEST I EVER BRED

This superb bunch of Cockerels are grand in type, short back, well spread tails, dark brown or black eyes, fine combs, correctly feathered feet and exceeding fine in the rich green sheen, so much desired by Breeders of the Best.

The Pullets, like the Cockerels, are very high in quality and will give most gratifying results in the breeding pen or in the show room.

A limited number of choice Cocks and Hens for sale.

If I can win for myself in America's Strongest Competition, why can't I furnish You with Winners?

It is my earnest desire to satisfy every customer, and all orders will have my careful and prompt attention.

May I Hear From You?

R. W. Bishop, Guilford, Conn.

EGGS IN SEASON

any one time the same careful attention. The Langshans fared no better and no worse than the others. I kept the Langshans in this way for ten years, trying them by the side of other noted breeds and varieties, and the upshot of that experimenting for ten years on my farm was the firm belief on my part that the Langshan is the most reliable winter layer that we have. I found only one breed that rivalled it in this regard, and that was the Black Orpington, and there is no wonder in this, for the Black Orpington is nothing but a clean-legged, cobbily built Langshan. So prepotent is the Langshan blood that the crosses used in the Black Orpington production were utterly dominated by it.

It is quite common these days to make extraordinary claims for new varieties as to their egg yield. But it is conceded by all the authorities that the Langshan is a superb layer. The truth of that is beyond debate.

Another merit of the Langshan is the unexcelled succulence and tenderness and flavor of its flesh. Here again expert authorities are agreed. Nobody who has ever tested Langshan flesh on his table will question its superiority. In my years of experimenting I kept hundreds of fowls and I always had my choice of four or five breeds to supply the home table. I tried all kinds as they passed under my care, and it came at last to be the settled rule of our household that if we wanted a fry, or stew, or roast a Langshan was selected for it.

It is a fact, recognized by those who have given it attention, that the flesh of some breeds of fowls "hardens," to use a term of eastern market poultrymen, at an earlier age than that of others. I have found that a Langshan hen two years old often is as tender in flesh as pullets of most other breeds. There is no greater error in regard to poultry than the one that all chicken flesh is just about the same in quality. Any one who has tried the Dorkings and Houdans knows that these fowls have a quality of flesh that distinctly distinguishes them from most other kinds as table poultry.

A big Langshan cockerel fed and fattened for the purpose makes a Christmas roast the equal of any turkey. No need to worry about the Thanksgiving dinner if a Langshan can be had.

Personally I like the breed, too, for its unusual docility. It is a friendly fowl and likes to be handled and petted. It is quiet, but active, too; and is a good forager on a farm.

A pen of Black Langshans of standard size and shape and color is to my mind the most strikingly beautiful sight in the poultry kingdom. There is a style about such birds that is not equalled by any other breeds. It can not be confounded with the form and carriage of other chickens. In the quality of style the Langshan is in a class by itself. Rocks, Reds and Wyandottes may be confused in shape sometimes to one who is not an expert, but the stately Langshan can never be mistaken for any other fowl.

It is very encouraging to see a marked revival of interest in this old blue-blood aristocrat of poultrydom. The big shows are having increasing numbers in all the classes of Langshans, and the quality is fine. This is right, for no breed, from any point of view, is worthier. Breeds may come and breeds may go, but the Langshan should go on forever.

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